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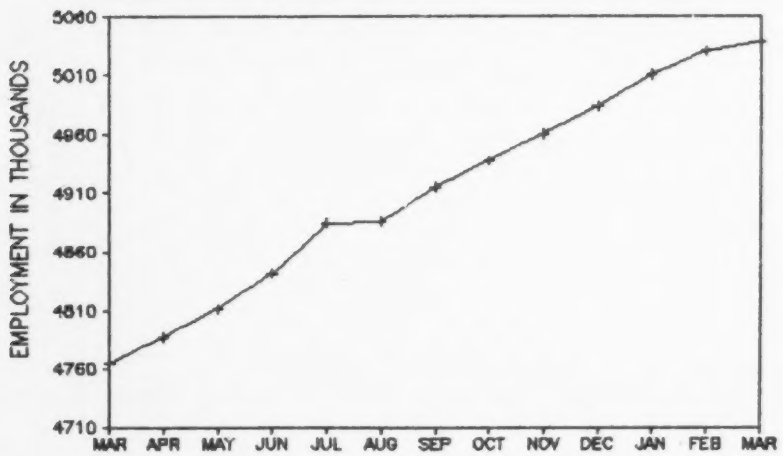
HIGHLIGHTS:

* Nonagricultural employment in Florida grew by 5.7 percent or 273,200 new jobs over the year to reach 5,038,300 in March. Job gains have slowed slightly since January 1988 but Florida remained as the fastest growing of the large states.
* Services employment continued to record the fastest growth (up by 7.7 percent or 97,900 new jobs) primarily due to business-related services.
* Manufacturing and construction employment had remained strong through January 1988 but have exhibited some softness over the last two months. Florida's largest factory subsector, electronics, appears to be resuming some of its previous growth.
* Florida's unemployment rate of 4.9 percent (or 295,000 jobless) was stable over the month and year. Of the populous states, Florida recorded the fifth lowest unemployment rate in March.

FLORIDA'S NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, MARCH 1987–MARCH 1988



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STATEWIDE
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (IN THOUSANDS)
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
FLORIDA

Published Industry Title	March Preliminary 1988	February Revised 1988	March Revised 1987	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	5038.3	5030.5	4765.1	7.8	0.2	273.2	5.7
MINING (1)	8.8	8.7	8.6	0.1	1.1	0.2	2.3
CONSTRUCTION	349.5	351.4	336.5	-1.9	-0.5	13.0	3.9
MANUFACTURING	539.0	539.8	524.7	-0.8	-0.1	14.3	2.7
DURABLE GOODS (1)	326.0	325.2	317.8	0.8	0.2	8.2	2.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	213.4	214.6	207.2	-1.2	-0.6	6.2	3.0
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (1)	259.9	259.1	252.9	0.8	0.3	7.0	2.8
TRADE	1376.7	1374.5	1293.4	2.2	0.2	83.3	6.4
WHOLESALE (1)	275.0	275.2	263.6	-0.2	-0.1	11.4	4.3
RETAIL	1103.3	1100.1	1031.3	3.2	0.3	72.0	7.0
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	372.2	369.0	349.5	3.2	0.9	22.7	6.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE (1)	369.6	368.4	353.9	1.2	0.3	15.7	4.4
SERVICES	1370.9	1369.0	1273.0	1.9	0.1	97.9	7.7
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	135.1	135.0	122.5	0.1	0.1	12.6	10.3
HEALTH SERVICES (1)	348.0	346.6	328.3	1.4	0.4	19.7	6.0
TOTAL PRIVATE	4274.4	4270.9	4043.0	3.5	0.1	231.4	5.7
GOVERNMENT	763.9	759.6	722.1	4.3	0.6	41.8	5.8

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PUBLISHED INDUSTRY TITLE	1987										1988			Over-the-Year Change	
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR(P)	%	NUMBER
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	4765.1	4787.3	4811.3	4841.3	4884.5	4885.5	4914.6	4937.5	4960.2	4983.8	5010.3	5030.5	5038.3	5.7	273.2
MINING (1)	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8	2.3	0.2
CONSTRUCTION	336.5	337.4	338.4	339.3	341.9	340.2	342.5	344.4	345.7	348.2	353.0	351.4	349.5	3.9	13.0
MANUFACTURING	524.7	525.7	526.9	528.8	533.8	533.4	533.9	535.1	536.4	537.0	541.3	539.8	539.0	2.7	14.3
DURABLE GOODS (1)	317.8	317.5	318.5	319.9	318.9	319.9	320.6	322.0	323.9	325.3	326.2	325.2	326.0	2.6	8.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	207.2	208.1	208.9	210.2	212.5	212.0	212.5	213.5	213.4	213.6	214.3	214.6	213.4	3.0	6.2
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (1)	252.9	253.7	254.9	256.3	256.3	256.5	257.2	259.7	260.9	263.4	258.8	259.1	259.9	2.8	7.0
TRADE	1293.4	1299.3	1305.5	1313.6	1326.8	1329.7	1335.9	1341.4	1347.0	1352.4	1367.4	1374.5	1376.7	6.4	83.3
WHOLESALE (1)	263.6	263.4	265.1	265.9	265.4	266.2	267.3	269.1	271.0	273.0	274.6	275.2	275.0	4.3	11.4
RETAIL	1031.3	1036.8	1041.5	1048.4	1059.9	1061.9	1066.6	1071.0	1075.8	1080.1	1094.0	1100.1	1103.3	7.0	72.0
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	349.5	350.2	351.1	353.5	355.9	357.2	359.4	360.9	363.0	364.6	367.5	369.0	372.2	6.5	22.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE (1)	353.9	355.6	358.6	362.7	364.5	364.1	363.8	365.2	366.2	367.1	366.4	368.4	369.6	4.4	15.7
SERVICES	1273.0	1281.9	1290.8	1301.6	1314.2	1319.4	1328.7	1337.0	1345.4	1353.6	1361.9	1369.0	1370.9	7.7	97.9
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	122.5	124.8	126.4	126.6	127.3	128.9	131.7	132.3	133.0	133.2	133.7	135.0	135.1	10.3	12.6
HEALTH SERVICES (1)	328.3	328.5	331.4	333.6	334.5	335.8	336.4	338.3	340.7	342.2	344.6	346.6	348.0	6.0	19.7
TOTAL PRIVATE	4043.0	4062.1	4083.7	4111.0	4146.2	4152.0	4170.8	4191.5	4210.3	4230.3	4257.5	4270.9	4274.4	5.7	231.4
GOVERNMENT	722.1	725.2	727.6	730.3	738.3	733.5	743.8	746.0	749.9	753.5	752.8	759.6	763.9	5.8	41.8

(P) - Preliminary Estimate

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STATEWIDE NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

	MARCH 1988	* FEBRUARY 1988	MARCH 1987	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	5,099,900	5,061,700	4,823,300	38,200	.8	276,600	5.7
MINING	8,800	8,700	8,600	100	1.1	200	2.3
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	7,700	7,600	7,500	100	1.3	200	2.7
PHOSPHATE ROCK	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	.0	200	5.7
CONSTRUCTION	346,500	346,000	333,600	500	.1	12,900	3.9
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	90,900	91,600	87,900	- 700	- .8	3,000	3.4
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS	51,000	51,100	49,500	- 100	- .2	1,500	3.0
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	204,600	203,300	196,200	1,300	.6	8,400	4.3
MANUFACTURING	542,200	542,800	527,800	- 600	- .1	14,400	2.7
DURABLE GOODS	326,000	325,200	317,800	800	.2	8,200	2.6
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	27,400	27,200	26,400	200	.7	1,000	3.8
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	14,900	14,800	14,200	100	.7	700	4.9
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	27,300	27,100	25,600	200	.7	1,700	6.6
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	.0	200	3.8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	37,700	37,800	37,400	- 100	- .3	300	.8
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	44,000	43,800	43,700	200	.5	300	.7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	77,800	77,900	75,500	- 100	- .1	2,300	3.0
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	65,900	65,700	65,300	200	.3	600	.9
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	16,500	16,400	15,400	100	.6	1,100	7.1
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	.0	0	.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	216,200	217,600	210,000	- 1,400	- .6	6,200	3.0
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	49,600	51,000	49,100	- 1,400	- 2.7	500	1.0

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PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	13,800	14,700	12,900	- 900	- 6.1	900	7.0
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	.0	100	6.3
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	3,100	3,100	2,600	0	.0	500	19.2
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	33,300	33,300	33,300	0	.0	0	.0
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	15,100	15,200	14,800	- 100	- .7	300	2.0
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	66,400	66,600	63,100	- 200	- .3	3,300	5.2
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	23,500	23,300	24,000	200	.9	- 500	- 2.1
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	.0	0	.0
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS PRODUCTS	19,800	19,800	17,900	0	.0	1,900	10.6
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	2,000	1,900	1,900	100	5.3	100	5.3
TRANSPORTATION,COMM.,ELECT., GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	259,900	259,100	252,900	800	.3	7,000	2.8
TRANSPORTATION	157,000	156,700	150,000	300	.2	7,000	4.7
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	7,700	7,700	8,300	0	.0	- 600	- 7.2
LOCAL AND INTERURBAN PASSENGER TRANSIT	10,800	10,600	9,300	200	1.9	1,500	16.1
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	54,500	54,000	51,900	500	.9	2,600	5.0
WATER TRANSPORTATION	15,500	15,600	15,200	- 100	- .6	300	2.0
TRANSPORTATION BY AIR	47,900	48,300	47,000	- 400	- .8	900	1.9
COMMUNICATION	66,300	66,100	67,500	200	.3	- 1,200	- 1.8
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	36,600	36,300	35,400	300	.8	1,200	3.4
TRADE	1,397,400	1,382,900	1,312,800	14,500	1.0	84,600	6.4
WHOLESALE TRADE	275,000	275,200	263,600	- 200	- .1	11,400	4.3
DURABLE GOODS	157,200	156,900	151,200	300	.2	6,000	4.0

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	MARCH 1988	FEBRUARY 1988 *	MARCH 1987	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
NONDURABLE GOODS	117,800	118,300	112,400	- 500	- .4	5,400	4.8
RETAIL TRADE	1,122,400	1,107,700	1,049,200	14,700	1.3	73,200	7.0
BLDG. MAT.,GARDEN SUPL., AND MOBILE HOME DEALERS	46,600	45,800	44,200	800	1.7	2,400	5.4
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	137,800	137,700	127,100	100	.1	10,700	8.4
FOOD STORES	188,100	188,600	173,700	- 500	- .3	14,400	8.3
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS AND SERVICE STATIONS	116,700	115,600	112,300	1,100	1.0	4,400	3.9
APPAREL AND ACCESSORY STORES	62,400	61,400	57,400	1,000	1.6	5,000	8.7
FURNITURE AND HOME FURNISHING STORES	54,100	54,200	50,900	- 100	- .2	3,200	6.3
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	389,700	377,200	365,700	12,500	3.3	24,000	6.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL STORES	127,000	127,200	117,900	- 200	- .2	9,100	7.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	369,600	368,400	353,900	1,200	.3	15,700	4.4
BANKING	76,800	76,900	74,300	- 100	- .1	2,500	3.4
CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS	67,900	67,700	65,000	200	.3	2,900	4.5
INSURANCE CARRIERS	57,400	57,500	55,500	- 100	- .2	1,900	3.4
INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS, AND SERVICE	35,700	35,600	34,300	100	.3	1,400	4.1
REAL ESTATE	102,000	101,100	96,500	900	.9	5,500	5.7
SERVICES	1,395,900	1,380,000	1,296,500	15,900	1.2	99,400	7.7
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	147,000	141,600	133,400	5,400	3.8	13,600	10.2
PERSONAL SERVICES	70,100	69,300	66,400	800	1.2	3,700	5.6
BUSINESS SERVICES	292,000	290,300	261,700	1,700	.6	30,300	11.6
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES AND GARAGES	49,500	48,900	48,000	600	1.2	1,500	3.1
MISCELLANIOUS REPAIR SERVICES	22,300	22,200	21,100	100	.5	1,200	5.7

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MOTION PICTURES	8,100	8,200	8,100	- 100	- 1.2	0	.0
AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES	91,400	88,000	84,900	3,400	3.9	6,500	7.7
HEALTH SERVICES	348,000	346,600	328,300	1,400	.4	19,700	6.0
LEGAL SERVICES	50,300	50,200	47,000	100	.2	3,300	7.0
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	52,900	52,700	48,800	200	.4	4,100	8.4
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	70,400	69,600	65,200	800	1.1	5,200	8.0
GOVERNMENT	779,600	773,800	737,200	5,800	.7	42,400	5.8
FEDERAL	114,900	114,500	110,600	400	.3	4,300	3.9
STATE AND LOCAL	664,700	659,300	626,600	5,400	.8	38,100	6.1
STATE	164,100	161,700	153,300	2,400	1.5	10,800	7.0
LOCAL	500,600	497,600	473,300	3,000	.6	27,300	5.8

ALL INDUSTRIES ARE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION MANUAL, 1972.
ALL DATA ARE ADJUSTED TO FIRST QUARTER 1987 BENCHMARK LEVELS.
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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHO FURNISH EMPLOYMENT DATA ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

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JOB GROWTH HEALTHY: Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 5.7 percent over the year or 273,200 new jobs to reach 5,038,300 in March. Job growth has remained strong but the gains over the year have slowed slightly since January 1988.

Industry employment sectors which have grown faster than the statewide average were services (7.7 percent), trade (6.4 percent), and government (5.8 percent). Industrial sectors that experienced slower growth than the statewide average were mining (2.3 percent); manufacturing (2.7 percent); transportation, communications, and public utilities (2.8 percent); construction (3.9 percent); and finance, insurance, and real estate (4.4 percent). Florida's three fastest growing industries were in the services-producing sector and accounted for almost 82.0 percent of the new jobs in March.

FAST GROWING INDUSTRIES: The services sector was Florida's fastest growing industry gaining 97,900 new jobs over the year with a growth rate of 7.7 percent. The subsector contributing the most growth to this gain was business services. Examples of business services are advertising; credit and collection agencies; mailing, reproduction, commercial art, photography and stenographic services; services to dwellings; equipment rental and leasing; personnel supply services; and computer-related services. The strong growth in business services responds to gains in state commercial activity, population, and income.

The trade industry, Florida's largest, was the second fastest growing sector in the state. Job gains amounted to 83,300 over the year with an annual growth rate of 6.4 percent. The subsector contributing the most to this gain was eating and drinking places. Growth in this subsector responds to gains in population, dual-income families, affluence, and tourism.

Florida's third fastest growing industry was government. It gained 41,800 new jobs in March with a growth rate of 5.8 percent over the year. Most of the new jobs were in the subsector of local government--primarily education. Growth in local education employment generally responds to population increases.

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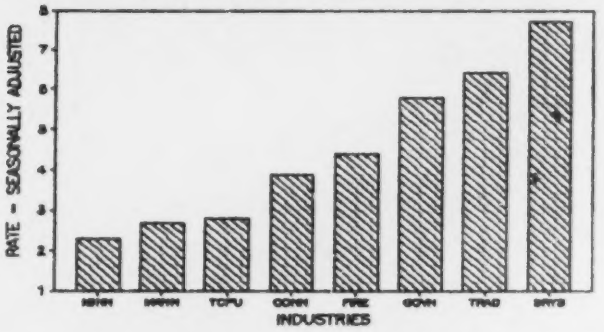
GROWTH RATES, MARCH 1987-MARCH 1988



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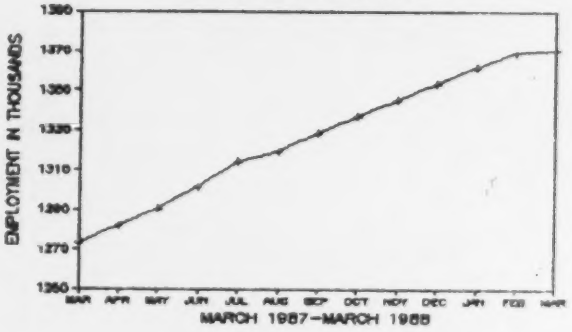

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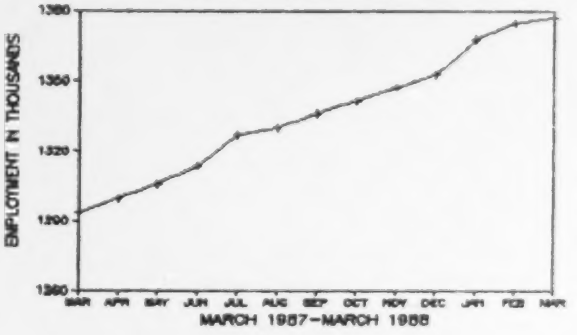

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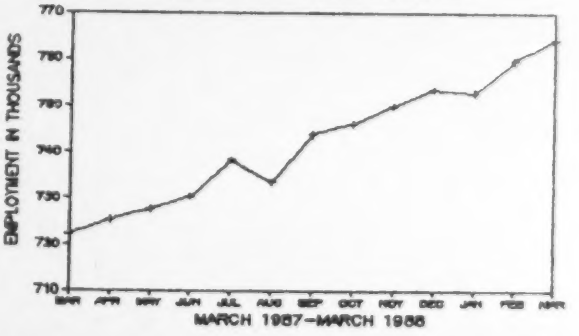

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SLOWER GROWING INDUSTRIES: Finance, insurance, and real estate gained new employment at a 4.4 percent pace over the year or 15,700 new jobs. This industry has not been growing as fast as it had been in recent years. Most of the new jobs in this sector were in real estate. The finance industry has been effected by deregulation, merger activity, the stock market drop, and ailing savings and loans.

Construction employment was up by 3.9 percent or 13,000 new jobs over the year. Given the slowdown in housing permits in Florida, this was a fairly healthy gain. Florida has been responding to the national slowdown in housing but has retained its share of national housing activity. Construction employment had been on a steady incline most of the last year but has lost 3,500 jobs since January 1988. Much of the recent growth in this sector has been public construction--schools, bridges, roads, etc.

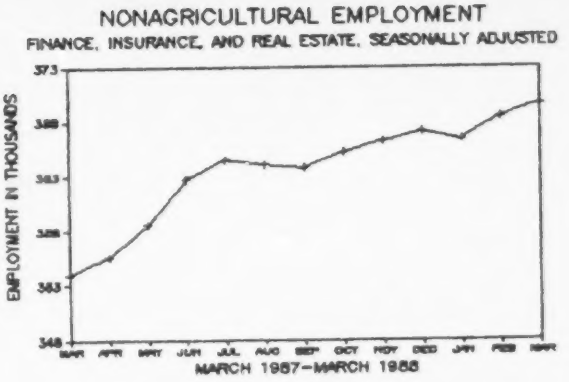
Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment recorded a gain of 2.8 percent or 7,000 new jobs over the year. The subsector contributing the most to this gain was trucking and warehousing. Employment levels in this industry have responded to deregulation, merger activity, layoffs, and technological change. December 1987 was the peak employment level with job declines being experienced by railroad transportation, communications, water transportation, and air transportation.

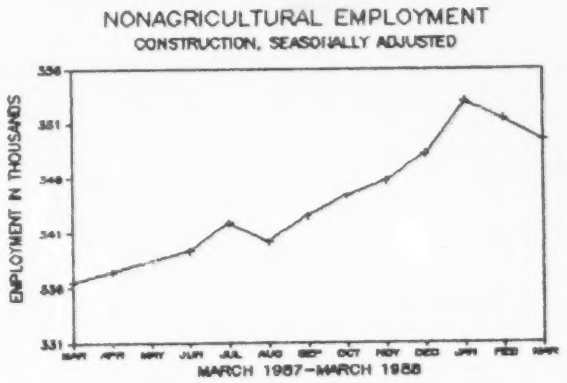
Manufacturing in Florida has been doing quite well over the last year. It increased by 2.7 percent or 14,300 new jobs over the year to reach an all time high level. Most of the new jobs were centered in printing and publishing and electrical and electronic equipment. Electronics employment (Florida's largest factory subsector) appears to have finally resumed some of its previous growth.

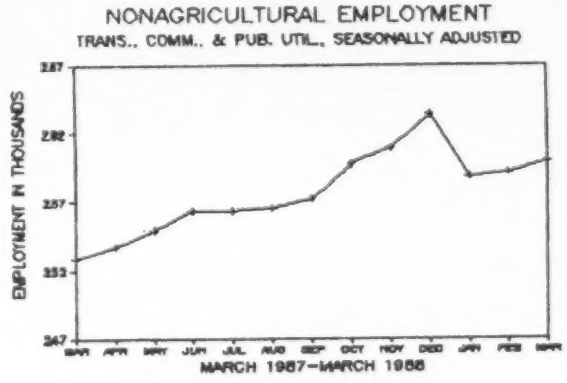
FLORIDA AND THE OTHER STATES: When comparing the (not seasonally adjusted) nonagricultural employment growth rates of the populous states, Florida remained as the fastest growing. Florida's annual job growth rate stood at 5.7 percent compared to the second fastest growing states of California (4.0 percent) and North Carolina (3.7 percent). In terms of the number of new jobs over the year, Florida (+277,000) remained second behind California (+462,000) which is more than twice as populous as Florida. New York gained the third highest number of new jobs (+169,000) of the populous states.

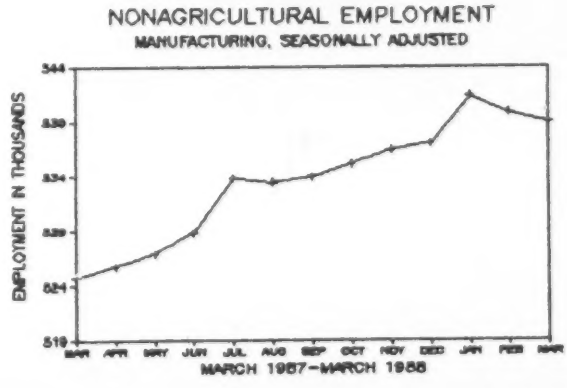
When all the states in the nation were compared in March, Florida (5.7 percent) recorded the third fastest annual job growth rate behind the less populous states of Nevada (6.6 percent) and Delaware (6.0 percent).

Practically all states had over-the-year gains in services; trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and government. Three-fourths of the states also reported higher employment in manufacturing and in transportation and public utilities. Manufacturing employment has improved substantially from last year when about two-fifths of the states reported job losses.









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LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

State of Florida	March 1988	February 1988	March 1987	Over-The-Year Numerical Change	Over-The-Year Percent Change
Civilian Labor Force	6,066,000	6,013,000	5,834,000	232,000	4.0
Employment	5,771,000	5,695,000	5,511,000	260,000	4.7
Unemployment	295,000	318,000	323,000	- 28,000	- 8.7
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.3	5.5	- 0.6	---
Nation					
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.7	6.5	- 0.9	---

Source: U.S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

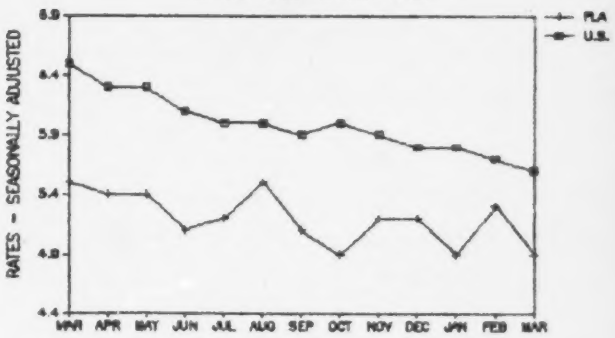
LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

State of Florida	March 1988	February 1988	March 1987	Over-The-Year Numerical Change	Over-The-Year Percent Change
Civilian Labor Force	6,045,200	5,959,300	5,810,100	235,100	4.0
Employment	5,758,400	5,661,200	5,497,700	260,700	4.7
Unemployment	286,800	298,100	312,400	- 25,600	- 8.2
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.0	5.4	- 0.7	---
Nation					
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.2	6.9	- 1.0	---

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

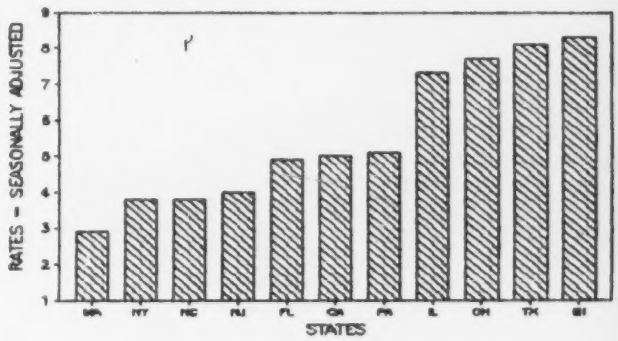
UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICALLY UNCHANGED: Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stood at 4.9 percent in March. The month and year-ago rates were not statistically different from the current rate. Florida's jobless totaled 295,000 in March out of a labor force of 6,066,000. The annual average unemployment rate for the most recent twelve months is 5.2 percent. The gap between the Florida (4.9 percent) and the U.S. unemployment rates (5.6 percent) narrowed to 0.7 percentage points in March.

FLORIDA VS NATION
MARCH 1987–MARCH 1988



NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The national civilian unemployment rate at 5.6 percent has edged down since the beginning of this year and is nearly a full percentage point below the level of one year ago. It is now the lowest level since 1979. The lower unemployment rate is clearly related to the strong record of job growth. Another contributing factor has been the reduced rate of labor force expansion. Although women are continuing to enter the labor force in large numbers, the rate of increase has slowed. In addition, the birth rate decline in the 1960s and early 1970s has resulted in fewer young people reaching labor force age in the 1980s.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES – 11 LARGEST STATES
MARCH 1987–MARCH 1988



FLORIDA'S RANK: When comparing Florida's unemployment rate with those of the nation's most populous states, Florida ranked as the fifth lowest. Massachusetts recorded the lowest rate at 2.9 percent with Michigan (8.3 percent) and Texas (8.1 percent) receiving the highest unemployment rates. States with lower unemployment rates than the State of Florida were Massachusetts (2.9 percent), New York (3.8 percent), North Carolina (3.8 percent), and New Jersey (4.0 percent). All of the states with lower unemployment rates are also experiencing slower job growth than the State of Florida.

Unemployment Rates* Seasonally Adjusted
Eleven Most Populous States, March 1988

State	Rate	State	Rate
Massachusetts	2.9	Pennsylvania	5.1
New York	3.8	Illinois	7.3
North Carolina	3.8	Ohio	7.7
New Jersey	4.0	Texas	8.1
Florida	4.9	Michigan	8.3
California	5.0		

* Ranked in magnitude from lowest to highest.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

FLORIDA ECONOMIC INDICATORS
March 1988

Seasonally Adjusted - Statewide	Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Percent Change Month	Percent Change Year
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS/1					
Total Initial Claims	30,795	29,917	29,537	2.93	4.26
Interstate Initial Claims	3,578	3,634	3,850	- 1.54	- 7.06
Intrastate Initial Claims	27,217	26,283	25,687	3.55	5.96
INDUSTRY INTRASTATE INITIAL CLAIMS/1					
Services	8,727	8,817	7,632	- 1.02	14.35
Trade	4,316	3,948	4,107	9.32	5.09
Construction	4,539	4,329	4,662	4.85	- 2.64
Manufacturing	4,194	4,308	4,682	- 2.65	- 10.42
Mining, Government, Agriculture	2,735	2,201	2,376	24.26	15.11
Transportation, Communications, Public Utilities	798	802	874	- 0.50	- 8.70
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,097	1,010	769	8.61	42.65
Information Not Available	811	868	585	- 6.57	38.63
CONTINUED CLAIMS/1					
Total Weeks Claimed	234,666	225,207	240,157	4.20	- 2.29
Interstate Weeks Claimed	28,633	29,072	30,902	- 1.51	- 7.34
Intrastate Weeks Claimed	206,033	196,135	209,255	5.05	- 1.54
ECONOMIC/2					
Housing Starts (At Annual Rates)	169,921	183,474	210,163	- 7.39	- 19.15
Construction Expenditures (Thousands)	1,598,880	1,587,869	1,527,060	0.69	4.70
Average Hours Worked Manufacturing	83	83	81	0.00	2.47
Taxable Sales (Thousands)	10,412,099	10,364,399	9,441,220	0.46	10.28
Not Seasonally Adjusted - Statewide	* Data are based on program year which began July 1, 1986.				
JOB SERVICES/3					
Active file (end of month)	155,712	155,458	186,685	0.2	- 16.6
New Applications (month)	41,445	40,559	42,811	2.2	- 3.2
Applicants Receiving Service (07-01-87 to date)	326,910	294,040	382,376*	11.2	- 14.5
Nonfarm Openings Received (month)	39,602	34,911	41,066	13.4	4.7
Nonfarm Openings Unfilled (end of month)	42,122	41,094	37,817	2.5	11.4
Placement Transactions (month)	14,638	13,661	21,806	7.2	- 32.9
Individuals Placed (07-01-87 to date)	105,927	95,477	146,340*	10.9	- 27.6
Nonfarm (07-01-87 to date)	94,905	85,438	131,145*	11.1	- 27.6
Job Openings Filled (07-01-87 to date)	131,615	117,223	184,852*	12.3	- 28.8
Eligible Claimants Placed (07-01-87 to date)	14,851	13,338	21,434*	11.3	- 30.7

Sources:
1/ Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Unemployment Compensation; Compiled and Seasonally Adjusted by the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Planning and Budgeting, Revenue and Economic Analysis.
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3/ Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Labor, Employment and Training.

Definitions: Initial Claim - Any notice of unemployment filed (1) to request a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation (new claim) or (2) to begin a second or subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year (additional claim).
Intrastate Claim - A claim filed in the same state in which the individual's wage credits were earned.
Interstate Claim - A claim filed in one state (agent) based on monetary entitlement to compensation in another state (liable).

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STATEWIDE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS *			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS *			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS *		
	MARCH 1988	FEBRUARY 1988	MARCH 1987	MARCH 1988	FEBRUARY 1988	MARCH 1987	MARCH 1988	FEBRUARY 1988	MARCH 1987
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	391.61	398.36	401.74	44.4	46.0	45.6	8.82	8.66	8.81
PHOSPHATE ROCK	441.56	443.50	428.86	41.5	41.8	41.0	10.64	10.61	10.46
MANUFACTURING	335.34	335.78	329.67	40.5	40.7	40.7	8.28	8.25	8.10
DURABLE GOODS	336.98	337.01	339.47	40.6	40.8	41.5	8.30	8.26	8.18
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	278.25	284.89	276.36	38.7	39.9	39.2	7.19	7.14	7.05
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	261.74	257.81	247.29	39.3	39.3	38.7	6.66	6.56	6.39
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	393.64	395.51	387.64	43.4	43.8	44.0	9.07	9.03	8.81
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	432.85	426.61	391.35	43.9	43.8	42.4	9.86	9.74	9.23
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	301.25	295.96	306.27	39.9	39.2	41.0	7.55	7.55	7.47
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	381.85	377.80	381.74	42.1	41.7	42.7	9.07	9.06	8.94
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	337.37	346.93	338.21	40.5	41.9	41.6	8.33	8.28	8.13
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	380.65	376.49	407.77	39.9	39.3	42.3	9.54	9.58	9.64
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	308.28	302.02	311.06	42.0	41.6	41.2	7.34	7.26	7.55
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	280.50	259.08	250.27	39.9	38.1	39.6	7.03	6.80	6.32
NONDURABLE GOODS	332.88	334.14	317.60	40.3	40.6	39.7	8.26	8.23	8.00
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	302.00	308.58	291.28	41.2	41.7	40.4	7.33	7.40	7.21
PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	279.86	285.48	277.64	41.4	40.9	41.5	6.76	6.98	6.69
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	284.20	286.73	252.72	39.2	38.8	36.0	7.25	7.39	7.02
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	209.06	209.59	183.60	37.6	37.9	36.5	5.56	5.53	5.03
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	514.18	525.25	556.23	43.1	44.4	48.2	11.93	11.83	11.54
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	377.50	369.98	347.06	39.2	38.3	37.0	9.63	9.66	9.38
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	475.87	465.00	438.66	43.3	42.7	41.5	10.99	10.89	10.57
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS PRODUCTS	282.91	295.65	287.43	41.3	43.8	42.9	6.85	6.75	6.70
COMMUNICATION	505.66	501.81	524.16	40.1	39.7	42.0	12.61	12.64	12.48
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	544.84	541.87	530.06	42.8	42.4	43.2	12.73	12.78	12.27
BANKING	256.73	259.28	255.71	37.1	37.2	39.1	6.92	6.97	6.54

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